



## **“Baan Zion” Children Prison Ministries**

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*“O taste and see that the Lord (our God) is good; How blessed (fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God) is the man who takes refuge in Him”  
Psalm 34:8 Amp.*



### **News flash March-May2023**

Dear friends,

Greetings and blessings from all staff and girls in Baan Zion and in the villages we are working in. Your prayers and support in whatever way offered for and to us are absolutely indispensable and we are very grateful for both. We could not do without you.

This news flash is later than normal, please excuse me for this since with all girls in Baan Zion and in the villages having their long holiday it really was very busy.

We of course continuously daily have been and are posting on our FaceBook page.

Even if not having FaceBook yourself you can check us out on [www.facebook.com/baanzion](https://www.facebook.com/baanzion) and we would like to ask you to do so, follow us there and also give our page a like.

We had many activities and for the first time a real holiday with the girls, made many visits to the girls in the villages and also did new assessments of girls we received applications for. This summer was really hot again and temperatures up to 44 Celsius were no exception.

Not so nice was the enormous air pollution this year, due to burning the fields and harvest residue that caused unacceptable and health threatening high pm levels, fog like air and black dust that was everywhere in and outside our house. None of us, contrary to many others, had any respiratory problems because of this and we praise the Lord for the purifying air conditioners in our house.

### **Baan Zion**

With all girls here in Baan Zion everything is more than well, both physically, emotionally as well as spiritually. We absolutely are one big happy blessed family enjoying the Lord's favour on a daily basis. Again this year at the start of the long school holiday all our girls received awesome grade reports for elementary, high school and university.



Here in Chiangmai we went to the zoo, snow world, a large water park with many swimming activities, some night markets, we went shopping and enjoyed delicious street food. The lord by this large family holiday, has blessed us in a way we cannot express.



As said above we during this long holiday did many activities like swimming, hiking to mention a few and the very special thing was that this year we for the first time in 20 years were able to go on a real holiday with our girls to Chiangmai (with great thanks for this special designated donation) where we even stayed in a beautiful and fantastic hotel with our girls.

Another absolute super highlight, is the fact that before going to Chiangmai we were able to rescue Sarah from her child unworthy and dangerous living situation and bring her into our house. Being holiday with all girls at home, who surrounded her with sisterly love and care and all our holiday activities made that Sarah adapted very fast. This month Sarah, like all the other girls went to the Christian school all our elementary and high school girls go to and she loves it. For our two university students the new school year will start later in June.

## Village girls



Of course we during this long school holiday period went up to the mountains many times to visit the girls in our village project. Also for them we could do and buy extra things due to a very special and loving designated donation from a young lady that really has a God given open heart for these village girls and the work we can do among them.

Also these girls, now given the chance to go to school, did have amazing and promising grade reports indicating that when ever given the opportunity they can study well and with our help can work towards a better and promising future.

Unfortunately 4 of these girls are out of the project, either because the grandmother without talking to us decided to enrol them into a Buddhist school / dormitory for the new school year because they did not want to care anymore, or the girls just did not want to continue their high school studies and opted for a different life. As a result we for these girls had to stop our support.



But like rescuing and taking Sarah into Baan Zion, we also took 3 new girls into our village project and more will follow the coming time soon, since the need is and stays very high. These three girls live with hard working grandmothers that no matter what, cannot offer the financial care needed for these girls. Many girls are left with their very poor and old grandmothers, after their mother's detention. Grandmothers who cannot give proper care and these girls undergo, or are in danger of abuse and exploitation but by our help they are protected, have food, clothing and very important education which is the beginning of change.

## Staff

It must be said and is absolutely true, that without good staff nothing works and your staff is your highest asset. As a ministry leader investing in your staff's development, counting them as equal, encouraging them, spend time with them and support them in their decisions is the key to success.



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A truth that certainly also goes for Baan Zion. I am very blessed with the fact that our oldest Baan

Zion daughter, Wan, a couple of years ago made the choice to serve next to me and looking at today can do anything and everything needed. She is the best manager I ever had and I absolutely cannot do without her.

Next to Wan we of course have meaw Wan, who takes care of the household, sees to the fact



that food wise everything is in

the house, prepares 3 delicious and healthy meals every day and due to her age is the mother figure for our small girls. And since the beginning of the year, Wee, who until she in October starts her DTS is helping out with whatever task needed. She still after many years does not have her Thai ID, so for her it is impossible to find a good job or even function in society here. But our lawyer recently went to Bangkok and we expect that her ID finally after almost 10 years of proceeding will be given soon.



## **Land**

As mentioned in an earlier news flash we still hope to buy the land next to our house, so we may built an extra home for girls and next to that will be able to start our self-sufficiency project. The owner is still very eager to sell to us and we prayerfully look forward to what the Lord will do. If anyone may be urged by the Lord to help us with this, a project plan may be send on request.

## **Finance**

Running Baan Zion and taking care of the so many girls in the villages, on a monthly basis costs a lot of money. But, even though the majority of the girls in our village project still do not have a sponsor and are taken care of out of our regular budget, we by faith keep walking on water. And the Lord is faithful and gracious to us in giving us the so many that in whatever way stand next to us.

Together with you we make the difference. May the Lord bless you abundantly for so lovingly being part of His work.

In the service of His children,  
Ps. Ellen and Rev. Dr. Jan

## **Thanking points:**

The Lord's constant provision  
Our sponsors and prayer warriors  
Our girls and staff  
Our Dutch and Thai board  
The new girls that came into our care  
The amazing study results  
The family holiday we had  
The extra things for the village girls

## **Prayer points**

The fast issuing of Wee her Thai ID  
The girls that left the village project  
The sponsoring for the girls in the villages  
The new school and university year  
The overall sponsoring  
The funding for the land and extra house  
Our own family



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